

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>BELGIUM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Finance Central Customs and Excise Administration Excise Procedures Division CAE - Tour Finances - Bte 37 Boulevard du Jardin Botanique 50 1010 Brussels Tel: 210 33 34 Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Eco-taxes
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Royal Decree on the Distinctive Mark to be Affixed to Beverage Containers, Batteries and Containers for Certain Industrial Products and on Exemption from Mentioning the Amount of the Deposit
6.	Description of content: The purpose of this draft Decree is to replace the Royal Decree of 23 December 1993 on the distinctive mark to be affixed to beverage containers, batteries and containers for certain industrial products and on exemption from mentioning the amount of the deposit.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Eco-taxes were introduced into Belgium legislation as an important tool in the policy of prevention in the field of the environment. They have two essential features: - They have an incentive effect; - they are the only taxes that can be avoided perfectly legally, provided the consumer can easily find a substitute that is not subject to eco-tax.
8.	Relevant documents:
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 60 days
10.	Final date for comments:
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: CIBELNOR